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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

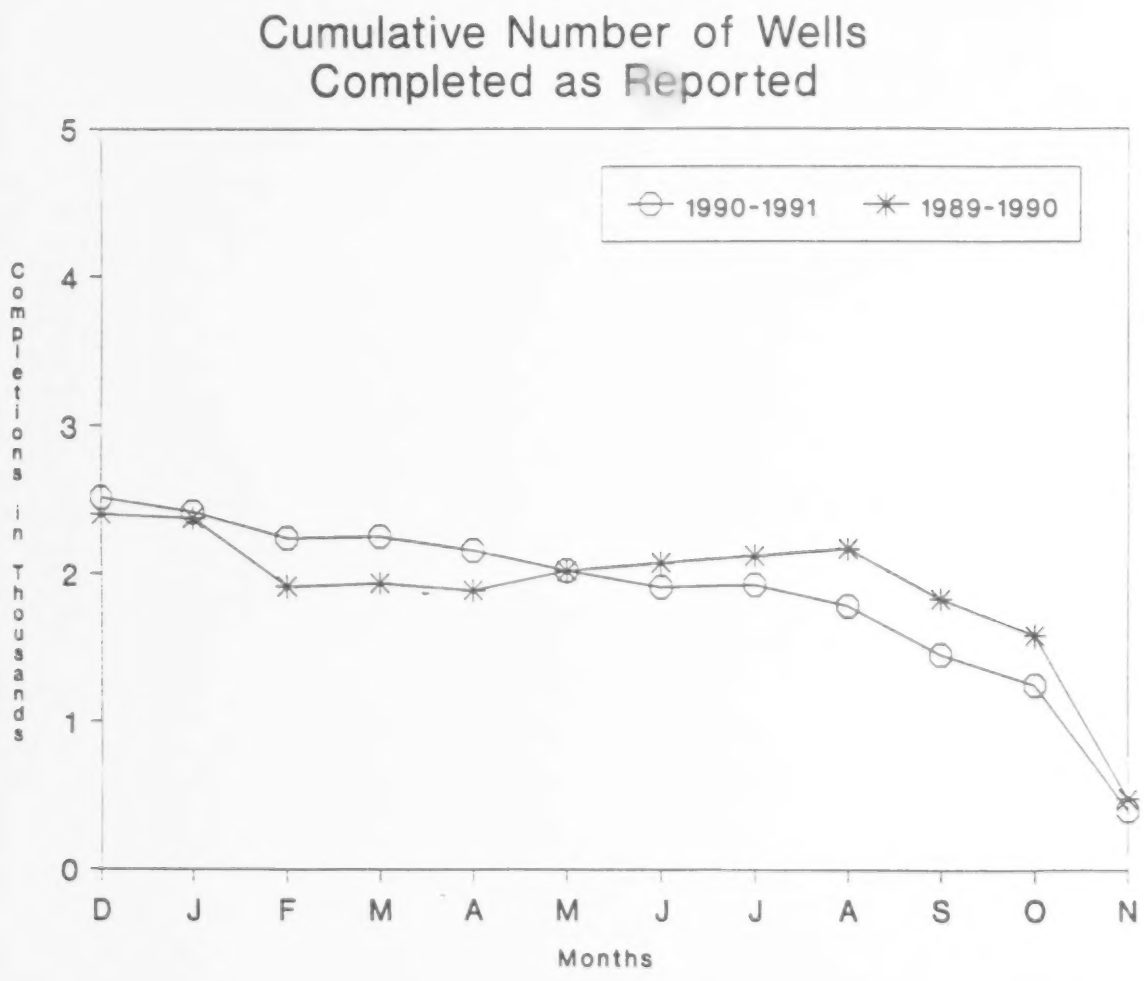

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF NOVEMBER 29, 1991[1]

		OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
		WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL	1991	8,430	41,810,917	5,702	30,484,833	5,638	30,298,824	19,770	102,594,574	20,472	104,673,881
1991:	NOV	109	535,404	50	288,405	241	1,171,418	400	1,995,227	421	2,049,029
	OCT	515	2,549,831	271	1,583,075	457	2,422,921	1,243	6,555,827	1,270	6,657,013
	SEP	585	2,868,851	388	2,094,177	473	2,543,304	1,446	7,506,332	1,475	7,649,575
	AUG	746	3,677,560	495	2,806,080	536	2,841,653	1,777	9,325,293	1,814	9,463,549
	JUL	750	3,673,781	584	3,182,014	585	3,040,697	1,919	9,896,492	2,006	10,175,900
	JUN	745	3,678,104	636	3,464,506	523	2,803,396	1,904	9,946,006	1,982	10,164,102
	MAY	855	4,255,893	600	3,125,652	561	2,795,901	2,016	10,177,446	2,089	10,357,201
	APR	949	4,827,279	628	3,416,280	579	3,177,662	2,156	11,421,221	2,238	11,674,435
	MAR	1,014	5,179,417	670	3,526,454	567	3,211,534	2,251	11,917,405	2,311	12,152,345
	FEB	1,041	5,070,982	624	3,367,975	574	3,192,623	2,239	11,631,580	2,330	11,855,319
	JAN	1,121	5,493,815	756	3,630,215	542	3,097,715	2,419	12,221,745	2,536	12,475,413
TOTAL	1990	11,399	51,877,732	9,590	49,714,837	7,965	41,960,210	28,954	143,552,779	29,740	145,718,559
1990:	DEC	1,044	5,080,971	793	4,150,652	680	3,718,686	2,517	12,950,309	2,580	13,136,987
	NOV	1,057	4,591,567	703	3,653,634	774	3,715,463	2,534	11,960,664	2,618	12,163,801
	OCT	1,147	5,005,484	967	4,718,596	768	3,971,143	2,882	13,695,223	2,933	13,846,835
	SEP	994	4,361,373	877	4,316,160	690	3,591,767	2,561	12,269,300	2,607	12,385,063
	AUG	1,054	4,489,812	933	4,349,969	726	3,507,015	2,713	12,346,796	2,783	12,507,451
	JUL	918	4,104,709	900	4,413,351	689	3,509,625	2,507	12,027,685	2,564	12,187,733
	JUN	880	4,012,592	824	4,005,881	664	3,493,482	2,368	11,511,955	2,456	11,751,850
	MAY	827	4,000,843	757	3,980,795	599	3,177,196	2,183	11,158,834	2,274	11,372,780
	APR	825	3,820,678	631	3,505,156	593	3,375,078	2,049	10,700,912	2,114	10,861,976
	MAR	844	4,013,625	675	3,981,468	565	3,012,211	2,084	11,007,304	2,140	11,184,544
	FEB	827	3,790,492	692	3,950,180	520	2,953,357	2,039	10,694,029	2,087	10,864,801
	JAN	982	4,605,586	838	4,688,995	697	3,935,187	2,517	13,229,768	2,584	13,454,738
TOTAL	1989	10,176	42,840,631	8,962	46,409,714	8,207	41,947,605	27,345	131,197,950	28,016	133,417,794
1989:	DEC	940	4,095,059	823	4,574,019	742	3,992,033	2,505	12,661,111	2,555	12,815,251
	NOV	919	3,848,964	823	4,344,088	740	3,847,773	2,482	12,040,825	2,554	12,287,033
	OCT	940	3,962,541	860	4,275,223	816	3,999,348	2,616	12,237,112	2,671	12,448,557
	SEP	847	3,682,434	825	4,058,171	743	3,816,783	2,415	11,557,388	2,446	11,677,330
	AUG	970	3,716,727	855	4,334,025	719	3,657,684	2,544	11,708,436	2,634	11,961,748
	JUL	865	3,385,493	784	3,956,529	699	3,467,443	2,348	10,809,465	2,411	11,019,205
	JUN	829	3,683,158	714	3,434,007	688	3,470,166	2,231	10,587,331	2,288	10,739,778
	MAY	872	3,552,521	624	3,205,430	661	3,189,197	2,157	9,947,148	2,207	10,097,896
	APR	883	3,518,600	600	3,221,149	660	3,388,494	2,143	10,128,243	2,192	10,293,521
	MAR	698	3,007,744	657	3,506,165	611	3,056,812	1,966	9,570,721	2,023	9,792,515
	FEB	587	2,633,669	631	3,499,613	465	2,553,245	1,683	8,686,527	1,717	8,827,302
	JAN	826	3,753,721	766	4,001,295	663	3,508,627	2,255	11,263,643	2,318	11,457,658
TOTAL	1988	13,369	57,392,986	8,286	43,980,891	10,036	52,189,353	31,691	153,563,230	32,709	156,586,053
TOTAL	1987	16,256	65,608,061	7,844	41,498,330	11,371	54,557,526	35,471	161,663,917	36,397	164,438,587

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF NOVEMBER 29, 1991[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	436	2,812,907	306	2,094,442	2,534	14,783,622	3,276	19,690,971
1991: NOV	5	38,108	2	16,810	121	593,730	128	648,648
OCT	18	103,339	15	67,562	205	1,113,723	238	1,284,624
SEP	32	242,090	13	86,552	198	1,183,586	243	1,512,228
AUG	36	246,749	31	213,168	260	1,419,581	327	1,879,498
JUL	49	304,165	26	161,674	274	1,619,001	349	2,084,840
JUN	44	268,548	34	263,699	229	1,365,321	307	1,897,568
MAY	37	226,349	33	252,307	237	1,313,524	307	1,792,180
APR	49	342,655	31	211,490	255	1,530,666	335	2,084,811
MAR	56	369,365	28	187,553	258	1,622,517	342	2,179,435
FEB	50	327,162	50	354,970	253	1,544,122	353	2,226,254
JAN	60	344,377	43	278,657	244	1,477,851	347	2,100,885
TOTAL 1990	626	4,176,498	610	4,134,262	3,690	21,227,940	4,926	29,538,700
1990: DEC	49	366,144	51	300,890	337	1,867,148	437	2,534,182
NOV	46	312,832	38	292,545	335	1,796,225	419	2,401,602
OCT	61	321,767	60	374,140	354	2,022,444	475	2,718,351
SEP	52	336,851	41	291,683	310	1,741,772	403	2,370,306
AUG	74	468,860	63	397,826	300	1,674,854	437	2,541,540
JUL	53	374,385	60	397,334	338	1,825,465	451	2,597,184
JUN	57	412,241	48	332,501	312	1,769,873	417	2,514,615
MAY	41	264,859	44	321,639	258	1,555,846	343	2,142,344
APR	59	394,769	55	385,698	287	1,805,200	401	2,583,667
MAR	50	352,598	52	377,020	258	1,494,510	360	2,224,128
FEB	35	235,014	43	307,344	238	1,505,456	316	2,047,834
JAN	49	318,158	55	355,642	363	2,169,147	467	2,862,947
TOTAL 1989	599	3,566,128	676	4,354,012	3,953	21,679,401	5,228	29,599,541
1989: DEC	48	304,600	63	397,003	376	2,043,393	487	2,744,996
NOV	50	291,300	61	367,499	374	2,149,815	485	2,808,614
OCT	37	221,256	53	319,109	396	2,158,500	486	2,698,865
SEP	71	407,639	57	315,257	358	1,999,488	486	2,722,384
AUG	56	285,285	60	432,185	325	1,873,230	441	2,590,700
JUL	50	301,847	51	356,373	323	1,886,543	424	2,544,763
JUN	44	250,093	59	366,785	323	1,668,193	426	2,285,071
MAY	40	266,642	48	323,186	318	1,626,811	406	2,216,639
APR	64	380,547	52	306,309	289	1,556,098	405	2,242,954
MAR	50	337,932	51	341,402	299	1,521,209	400	2,200,543
FEB	43	258,756	53	370,830	239	1,371,161	335	2,000,747
JAN	46	260,231	68	458,074	333	1,824,960	447	2,543,265
TOTAL 1988	813	4,925,226	698	4,701,848	4,751	26,906,850	6,262	36,533,924
TOTAL 1987	897	5,310,009	700	4,629,803	5,205	27,311,539	6,802	37,251,351

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING NOVEMBER 1991

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	850	3,873,281	733	3,781,274	651	3,406,405	2,234	11,060,960	2,310	11,296,861
1991: NOV	109	535,404	50	288,405	241	1,171,418	400	1,995,227	421	2,049,029
OCT	364	1,843,130	216	1,245,688	227	1,299,795	807	4,388,613	823	4,446,776
SEP	118	521,302	164	801,558	61	403,052	343	1,725,912	354	1,787,130
AUG	89	400,978	138	641,732	24	124,089	251	1,166,799	257	1,185,046
JUL	49	172,980	60	291,522	24	127,803	133	592,305	143	608,674
JUN	20	79,782	32	166,801	9	38,085	61	284,668	64	291,275
MAY	28	107,423	21	87,793	21	81,041	70	276,257	71	276,638
APR	16	37,384	15	58,338	16	70,661	47	166,383	50	172,908
MAR	16	37,627	17	71,931	7	16,804	40	126,362	40	126,362
FEB	10	35,657	8	49,864	12	49,307	30	134,828	34	149,415
JAN	31	101,614	12	77,642	9	24,350	52	203,606	53	203,608
TOTAL 1990	125	303,022	150	927,371	72	202,822	347	1,433,215	350	1,436,438
1990: DEC	16	60,924	11	67,388	11	32,200	38	160,512	38	160,512
NOV	19	37,322	9	48,014	6	12,453	34	97,789	35	99,480
OCT	24	45,153	19	126,624	9	23,778	52	195,555	53	197,066
SEP	15	49,703	16	81,432	12	17,527	43	148,662	43	148,662
AUG	15	53,696	14	84,826	7	34,673	36	173,195	37	173,216
JUL	8	11,265	10	50,620	5	13,020	23	74,905	23	74,905
JUN	1	2,765	12	81,914	5	18,918	18	103,597	18	103,597
MAY	7	12,945	10	78,388	5	17,039	22	108,372	22	108,372
APR	8	7,684	17	121,566	2	9,100	27	138,350	27	138,350
MAR	0	0	11	87,450	4	5,030	15	92,480	15	92,480
FEB	3	5,896	6	23,131	3	12,167	12	41,194	12	41,194
JAN	9	15,669	15	76,018	3	6,917	27	98,604	27	98,604
TOTAL 1989	15	73,980	15	72,639	11	42,883	41	189,502	43	192,252
1989: DEC	3	16,901	3	11,454	3	3,165	9	31,520	10	33,675
NOV	0	0	3	26,800	0	0	3	26,800	3	26,800
OCT	1	863	3	16,285	3	16,526	7	33,674	7	33,674
SEP	4	24,077	1	3,959	0	0	5	28,036	5	28,036
AUG	2	9,434	2	5,100	0	0	4	14,534	5	15,129
JUL	2	4,023	1	1,691	0	0	3	5,714	3	5,714
JUN	1	1,222	0	0	0	0	1	1,222	1	1,222
MAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
APR	1	11,660	1	5,750	3	3,510	5	20,920	5	20,920
MAR	1	5,800	1	1,600	0	0	2	7,400	2	7,400
FEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JAN	0	0	0	0	2	19,682	2	19,682	2	19,682
TOTAL 1988	2	12,219	1	9,950	2	20,210	5	42,379	5	42,379
YRS PRIOR TO 1988	21	55,698	5	19,208	9	16,375	35	91,281	51	112,900
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,013	4,318,200	904	4,810,442	745	3,688,695	2,662	12,817,337	2,759	13,080,830

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown as of November 29, 1991. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period October 26, 1991 through November 29, 1991. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.